

Kuluin Kapers

9 August 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Preliminary NAPLAN Data

We have received the preliminary NAPLAN data for 2017 which indicates that Kuluin State Schools results are of a high standard and our student's performance is on an upward trend which is very exciting news. Congratulations to our students and teachers on achieving such strong results. NAPLAN student reports will be distributed to parents once they are received at the school.

Book Week

Book week will be held from Monday 21st-25th of August. There will be a variety of activities running throughout the week, but no doubt the most exciting event will be the Book Week Parade. Book Week Parade will be held on Tuesday 22nd of August from 9:00am in the school hall. This week's theme is Escape to Everywhere! which lends itself to many options for the dress up. Children are asked to come along dressed as a character to fit in with the theme, however any book character of their own choice is acceptable.

2018 Prep Open Enrolments

2018 Prep Enrolments are open. If you have a child or know of family and friends with children due to start school in 2018 please let them know that we are taking enrolments now!!! Please ask them to come to the school office to collect an enrolment package and to register for an upcoming Prep tour.

Strategic Plan

Thank you to the parents who have attended the parent focus meeting or responded to the survey regarding the direction of the school over the next 4 years. Over 50 respondents have provided feedback to the school which is greatly appreciated. The feedback received is valuable information that will inform our school planning to make our great school even greater.

Improved facilities is an area that was raised as a concern by a number of respondents to the survey. As a school we have a clear vision for the ongoing upgrade of our school's facilities. The refurbishment of the Year 1 area and the improvements made to the Prep area which are almost complete has seen approximately ¼ of a million dollars spent on both of these projects. We aim to continue to improve school facilities with phase 2 of the year 1/2 playground set to begin in the coming months.

Alison Welch

Making Payments at Kuluin

We have the following options available for paying invoices:

- Phone payments using credit/debit card via BPOINT 1300 631 073. Please quote CRN and invoice number on the invoice
- Online card payment by clicking on the link <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete> on the invoice. It will auto fill the Biller Code, CRN and Invoice Number
- QParents app
- In person at the payment window on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:30am—9:30am
- Centrepay Deduction—Payment by Centrepay deduction can be arranged through the school office

The reason for the change of payment over the phone is to achieve Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard compliance.

Beulah O'Shea, Business Manager

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OFFICE HOURS: 8:00am - 3:30pm

Assembly

Prep, 1,2 & 3

Thursday 9:00am

Years 4,5 & 6

Tuesday 9:00am

Break Times

First Bell: 8:50am School Commences: 9:00am

First Session: 9 – 11:00am First Break: 11 – 11:40am

Second Session: 11:40—1:40pm Second Break: 1:40 – 2:10pm

Last Session: 2:10 – 3:00pm

Report Card Changes

I am writing to inform you of planned changes to the format and structure of Semester 2 Report Cards. After surveying parents changes will be made in Semester 2 to reflect parent feedback. Changes will include; more parent friendly comments (less educational jargon), comments that highlight individual strengths and personalised goals to work towards within a significantly, more concise format. Comments will continue to include an Achievement and Effort rating.

After changes have been implemented we will seek feedback from the parent community to make any further adjustments. Report Cards are an important tool for informing parents and students of learning progress. Parents are expected to attend Parent Teacher Interviews two times a year to discuss their child's progress. Parent Teacher interviews will continue to take place in Terms 1 and 3.

Dale Wolfenden, Deputy Principal

Car Parking Before and After School

Please be reminded that the C&K Kindy carpark on Tallow Wood Drive is for kindy use only. There have been several occasions lately where parents of kindy children have not been able to access the carpark to collect their children safely. Please allow time on your journey to and from the Kuluin School to find a suitable and safe parking space.

School Opinion Survey

Parents/Caregivers, school staff and a random sample of students are encouraged to have their say in this year's suite of *School Opinion Surveys* by providing their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Each of the online surveys will open until **Friday, 25 August 2017**.

Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* have been sent home with students on Monday 31st July. If you haven't received any survey access details by the end of this week, please contact the school on 07 54773777 or email info@kuluinss.eq.edu.au.

With thanks

Catherine Dolphin, Deputy Principal

Sports News

I would like to thank Vicki Clark for donating some ANZ netball sporting gear to our school recently. We really appreciate every sporting donation as it helps out all of the children. Last Friday over 160 students participated in the interschool sport program and the netball bibs and equipment looked fantastic. If any person or business would like to donate some uniforms they are most welcome to contact me at the Kuluin School. We need some soccer and rugby league jerseys, shorts and socks.

Our school athletics team has competed at the Nambour District athletics carnival. All children should be proud of their efforts and several children will compete at the Regional Championships later in August. Thanks to all of the parents, students, and teachers who assisted the team at this carnival.

Last week Marli D, Mark S and Kate S competed at the Queensland Soccer Championships. Well done to these great athletes who are competing at the highest level.

The Girls 12 years and under AFL trial will be held very soon. Several girls from Kuluin will be participating at this carnival and we wish them well. The Kuluin girls AFL Team will compete at the Queensland AFL Cup on August 17 at Fisherman's Road Sporting Complex. The semi-finals of the AFLQ will decide who makes the state competition grand final later on in the year.

Have an active week everyone.

Tony Doherty, PE Teacher

Student Council

The theme for the free dress day on Wednesday 16 August is "Twin Day". Students are to find a friend and dress the same. Can be more than one person if they wish. Please bring a gold coin donation as money raised will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Daniel Harrison

Dates to Remember

- 9 Aug MSHS Transition Day (students to arrive and depart from MSHS)
- 9 Aug Prep Tour 9 - 10 am
- 9 Aug Nambour District Cricket Trials
- 11 Aug Interschool Sports Day 2 - Yrs 5 & 6
- 16 Aug Free Dress Day - gold coin donation
- 17 Aug Bright Minds at MSHS - Yrs 5 & 6
- 17 Aug School Disco 5:30 - 7:00pm
- 18 Aug Spellathon Test Day
- 18 Aug Prep Open Morning 9am -11am
- 21 Aug P & C Meeting 6pm
- 22 Aug Bookweek Dress-Up Parade - 9am School Hall

- 22 Aug Reader's Cup Semi Finals - Library 1:40-2:10pm
- 21-25 Aug Bookweek "Escape to Everywhere"
- 21-31 Aug Bookings open for Parent Teacher Interviews
- 21,23,25 Aug Book Swap - Prep only
- 24 Aug Readers Cup Grand Final - 11:45am School Hall
- 24 Aug Sealife Excursion - Yr 2
- 25 Aug Interschool Sports Day 3 - Yrs 5 & 6
- 26 Aug Opti-Minds Regional Challenge
- 30 Aug Prep Tour 9 - 10 am
- 31 Aug Bright Minds at MSHS - Yrs 5 & 6
- 4-15 Sept Parent Teacher Interviews
- 8 Sept Interschool Sports Day 4 - Yrs 5 & 6
- 8 Sept Australia Zoo Excursion—Prep

P&C News

Spellathon:

Spellathon forms were sent home this week. They are individually named, please check that your child has the right name on their form. Spellathon lists will come home in plenty of time to learn the words for the test day on 18 August. Sponsorship money can come in after that date with the sponsorship form. Spellathon is a great way to raise funds for the school, at the same time as supporting your child's spelling. We have great prizes available this year, thanks to Smiggle and Amart.

Woolworths Earn and Learn program:

The Kuluin School will be participating this year in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. The program runs from July 26th to September 19th. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you will receive a sticker. Fill up a sticker card and place it in the box at the tuckshop or school office. Every sticker received gives the school Earn and Learn points.

Thank you for your support.

Belinda Makin, P & C President


Information for Parents and Carers—On Time for School

Continuing with our focus on the importance of being **On Time** for school. This week we would like to share some messages around **Ways to Prevent Lateness**.

There are many strategies and suggestions available to help students arrive at school on time. Some of these are; set their clothes out the night before (have the child do this to develop responsibility); ensure before going to bed that all supplies for school the next day are in their bag (books, homework, pencil case); you might consider making lunches the night before so that they don't need to be made in the morning; make sure your children go to bed at a reasonable hour and get enough sleep; if waking is a concern set the alarm 10-15 mins earlier to ensure they have enough time. Working with your child to ensure they arrive at school on time will help reduce anxiousness (if the child does not like arriving late); will create a calmer more organised morning; will provide less disruption to teaching and other students; will teach your child skills for life (organisation and respect for starting times); will give your child the best opportunity for learning; will ensure you fulfil your legal obligations and will help you arrive at your destination for the day on time as well.

At the Kuluin School we understand the importance of being on time each day. We acknowledge our students arriving on time and being ready to learn. Every day counts - Every minute counts.

Catherine Dolphin, Deputy Principal



St Vincent de Paul Society
ABN 14 211 506 904

good works
St Gerard Major's Conference
2 Norval Court
Maroochydore

Telephone: (07) 5443 1946—Support Office
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THE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND
Opening August 1, 2017

This fund provides assistance with the purchase of uniforms and resources for 2018.

To make an application for funding please telephone
5443 1946
for an appointment .

Hours of Operation:
9.30am -12pm & 1pm—3pm **Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri**
10.30 -12pm & 1pm—3pm **Wed**

For appointment please bring Centrelink Income Statement and that of partner, if applicable, plus a calculation of expected costs for each child.

Parent-Teacher Interviews Semester 2, 2017

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for years 1 to 6 **Monday 4th of September to Friday 15th of September**. Interviews will be of **15 minutes duration**. Bookings for interviews will open on the **21st of August and close on Thursday 31st of August**. All Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in your child's classroom.

#(4SC and 6NE will receive a separate note informing them of Parent Teacher Information. These sessions will run at alternative times and dates)

For these interviews we are using the same internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO) that we used last year. It will save time for parents, staff and students!

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer.


Due to security and privacy requirements of Education Queensland, we are not permitted to load parent and student names into PTO without first obtaining individual consent from parents. PTO allows this consent to be obtained as a part of the login process. Please follow these steps to log in to PTO and make your interview bookings:

- Go to the school's web site www.kuluinss.eq.edu.au and click the PTO icon located under the Quicklinks tab.
- At the PTO login screen, click "Register for use" and enter the security code **KuluinSS**, your name and email. Then click "Send registration". By doing so you are consenting to your information being stored in PTO and for the purpose of interview bookings.
- An email containing your login PIN will be sent to the email address you provided. You may need to check your junk mail folder as genuine email messages can sometimes be incorrectly classified as junk mail.
- If you don't have an email address, contact the school by phoning 5477 3777 so that we can enter your details for you.
- After you have received your login details, click "Login" on the PTO login screen and enter your surname and PIN as shown in the email or as advised by the school.
- Enter the Student ID of the student for whom you wish to book interviews. Education Queensland student IDs (EQ Id) have ten numbers followed by one letter. You can enter more than one ID if you have multiple students at the school. **"A letter will be sent home containing your Student's ID prior to the bookings being open."**
- You can optionally enter the name of the students for the IDs entered. By doing so you are consenting to the student's name being stored and used in PTO for interview bookings.
- After you have entered your student ID(s) and name(s), proceed to make bookings as instructed on the screen.



If you have any questions or concerns about security or privacy of information stored in PTO please visit www.parentteacheronline.com.au/privacy

Please note the following points:

- Bookings are made for *individual* parents/guardians, not for couples. Couples can however log on to the system simultaneously to coordinate bookings. If two parents/guardians wish to attend a single interview time slot, one parent/guardian should make the booking when both can attend. If you require separate interviews please make contact with your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time.
- You will only see time slots that are *available* at the time you are using the system. As time slots are booked for teachers, those time slots are no longer displayed as available. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers or parents/guardians.
- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a PDF *report* of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and *change bookings* any time **up to 12pm Thursday 31st of August**.
- If you see this symbol  displayed alongside the class name, it means this teacher recommends that you book an interview.
- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.
- For those families who do not have internet access, please contact the office to arrange an interview time.
- If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact the school office **by phone on 5477 3777 or email info@kuluinss.eq.edu.au**

I am sure the system will be of benefit to students, parents and staff. Any feedback you may wish to provide will be most welcome.

Dale Wolfenden, Deputy Principal